(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether the same would be taken care of in this financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir. The Department of Agricultural Research and Education / Indian Council of Agricultural Research does not provide grant-in-aid for agricultural education. It only extends need based support to the State Agricultural Universities under the scheme "Development & Strengthening".

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Launching of "Sankath Haran Bima Yojna"

1348. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has launched Sankath Haran Bima Yojana in the country;

(b) if so, in how many States the scheme has been launched;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Scheme has not been launched in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd. (IFFCO), Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd. (KRIBHCO) and Indian Potash Ltd. (IPL) have introduced an insurance scheme, namely "Sankath Haran Bima Yojana" from 1st October, 2001. The scheme is being operated through IFFCO-TOKIO General Insurance Company Limited (ITGI). The scheme has been launched all over the country and is applicable on IFFCO / KRIBHCO / IPL's sale of fertilizers through cooperative societies. Presently, the scheme is in operation in 25 States including Andhra Pradesh and 2 Union Territories.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.